

## Statewide Assessment Overview 2020–2021 School Year

Required Assessment	Statute References	Purpose	Subjects Assessed	Grades Assessed	Testing Window (20'–21')	Test Modality	Approx. Students Assessed	Approx. Testing Time	Funding Source
<b>ACCESS for ELLs</b> English Language Learners	SEC. 1111 (b)(2)(G) <sup>1</sup> (b)(1)(F) <sup>2</sup> & <a href="#">ARM 10.56</a>	Monitor English Learner progress Provide state, district, school, and individual student data	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Speaking <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Listening <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reading <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Writing	K – 12	<a href="#">Dec 2 – Feb 26*</a>	Online & Paper	~3,500 (~2.0% of students)	2 – 3 hours	Federal Grant for State Assessments
<b>AMSA</b> Alternate Montana Science Assessment	SEC. 1111 (b)(2)(D) <sup>1</sup> (b)(1)(E) <sup>2</sup> & <a href="#">ARM 10.56</a>	Provide state, district, school, and individual student data	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Science	5, 8 & 11	<a href="#">Mar 15 – May 7</a>	Online	~350 (~1% of grade)	1 – 2 hours	Federal IDEA Funding
<b>MSA</b> Montana Science Assessment	SEC. 1111 (b)(2)(B) <sup>1</sup> (b)(1)(E) <sup>2</sup> & <a href="#">ARM 10.56</a>	Provide state, district, school, and individual student data	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Science	5 & 8	<a href="#">Mar 15 – May 7</a>	Online	~23,000 (11,500/grade)	1 – 2 hours	Federal Grant for State Assessments
<b>MSAA</b> Multi State Alternate Assessment	SEC. 1111 (b)(2)(D) <sup>1</sup> (b)(1)(E) <sup>2</sup> & <a href="#">ARM 10.56</a>	Provide state, district, school, and individual student data	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Math <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ELA	3 – 8 & 11	<a href="#">Mar. 15 – April 30</a>	Online	~800 (1% of grade)	2 – 3 hours	Federal IDEA Funding
<b>SBAC</b> Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium	SEC. 1111 (b)(2)(B) <sup>1</sup> (b)(1)(B) <sup>2</sup> & <a href="#">ARM 10.56</a>	Provide state, district, school, and individual student data	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Math <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ELA	3 – 8	<a href="#">Mar. 8 – May 14</a>	Online	~69,000 (11,500/grade)	3 – 4 hours*	Federal Grant for State Assessments
<b>ACT</b> with Writing American College Testing	SEC. 1111 (b)(2)(B) <sup>1</sup> (b)(1)(B) <sup>2</sup> & <a href="#">ARM 10.56</a>	Provide state, district, school, and individual student data	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Math <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> English <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Writing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reading <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Science	11	<a href="#">March 23 April 6 April 20</a>	Online & Paper	~10,500	3 – 4 hours	Federal GEAR UP Grant

**Note:** An asterisk (\*) indicates a modification due to the COVID pandemic. Visit the [Assessment FAQ: COVID-19 Testing Alert](#) and the [FY2021 COVID-19 State Standardized Testing Guidance](#) for up-to-date alerts on these programs.